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—Christmas . . . just two months from today!

—"Yes," says Jim Casburn. "I can still take registrations for figure skating." So far he has 75 in the Thursday classes.

—Children will be excited on Hallowe'en. Be sure to drive carefully.

—There was a poor turnout when Kennedy school, Georgetown, Home and School Association formation was discussed. The principal said he wasn't in favor. "I have never seen one that amounted to a row of beans," he declared, adding if a group was formed it would not be allowed to function as a forum to debate on the efficiency of his teaching staff. He suggested parents with complaints should make an appointment with the teacher or himself.

—The bright blue time clock for the arena was briefly on view on Mill St. in the back of a parked truck Monday before it was installed. The clock was donated by Jim Ledger.

—First snow of the season delighted children and appalled adults Tuesday afternoon. A freezing, stinging rain turned to slushy snow chilling everyone coming home from work. There've been more snow flurries since.

—Tuesday night there was "frost on the pumpkins" . . . and burlap bags, plastic, old sheets, or what-have-you on the tender plants and vegetables.

—Golf trophies from the Acton Open in June were delivered Tuesday, the day of the first snowfall. The small plaques on the bases had been engraved and applied.

—We're all witnessing a classic example of "brinkmanship" in diplomacy this week as U.S. President Kennedy announced his blockade of Cuba. If you felt a cold twinge run up your spine at the announcement you weren't alone.

—On Saturday files and records were moved to the new county administration building at Milton. Official opening of the building will be on November 17 only for those with invitations. There's an open house Sunday.

—Betting seems to be that the federal election will be held before the next provincial election. Halton Conservatives are nominating their Federal candidate this month but there seems to be little action on naming a provincial candidate to replace Stan Hall. Actually the provincial election doesn't have to be until next year and the Federal election might develop anytime.

Teachers Tour Toronto School System View Outdoor School, Elect Officers

The members of the Teachers' Institute of Halton No. 4 and Wentworth No. 2 visited the Toronto School System on Friday, under the capable leadership of their president, Mrs. Ella Sheppard of Greensville. Teachers availed themselves of opportunities to observe the Toronto Island Natural Science School, the School for the Crippled at Sunny View, the regular classes at Mt. Pleasant Public School and to tour the new Education Centre in the afternoon.

At 9.30 a.m. a large group of teachers took the ferry over to Centre Island to visit the Toronto Island Natural Science School. The principal, R. Dennis explained that this school is run by the Toronto Board of Education. It follows the grade 6 course of study in science. At this school, pupils were able to see, touch and do things which are real.

Work Outside

This school is open 11 months of the year. The children work out of doors at all times regardless of the weather. They study pond life, conservation, insect compost, birds, plants, animals, farm animals and weather.

The teachers were taken on a conducted tour of the school and saw the dormitories, dining room, kitchen, library and a large lounge room, which was suitable for group discussion, study and specimen displays.

A smaller group was addressed by H. Munro, principal of Sunny View School. Here, teachers saw children who could not talk but could write and spell words on the blackboard; boys and girls who could not walk, receiving therapy treatment in a special section of the building with nurses in attendance, and purists who could not venture using electric typewriters to express themselves. It was in this school that cerebral palsy cases, victims of heart disease, and other maladies which rendered orthopaedic treatment necessary, were transferred from the entire Metropolitan Area for special care and teaching.

Serves Four Schools

Teachers visiting the M. Murray School were very pleasantly surprised to find more arrived that coffee and doughnuts awaited them. Principal Mr. Cullum extended a sincere welcome to the teachers and briefly explained the school set-up embracing at the Junior and the Senior Public School — 27 rooms in all. Other interesting highlights were mentioned such as the science centre for grades seven and eight and the central kitchen serving four schools.

Following this, the kindergarten to grade three teachers were able to question Miss Sheppard and the grades four to six teachers Miss Stone (both consultants) regarding special class work such as remedial reading.

Each of these groups, plus the group for grades seven and eight, were guided through sample classes on the various subjects. A good attendance found this to be most helpful and acquired new ideas.

After the tour each teacher was taken by a grade eight student to a class where the subject previously requested might be observed. At this time new thoughts and procedures were noted before the teacher left to visit the Education Centre.

At the noon luncheon in the Education Centre the head table guests included N. A. Sweetman, Superintendent of Public Schools in Toronto, M. MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Ross Patterson, Inspector of Public Schools and speaker for the special assembly in the convention room.

Mr. Patterson addressed the teachers on the topic, "The Art of Oral Communication". He emphasized that oral communication ranks first among the Language Arts today, when the telephone is taking the place of the letter, when the interview is replacing the written report, and when general discussion of problems is encouraged instead of the traditional authoritarian command, more and more attention must be given to the spoken word.

At the kindergarten level the development of a large oral vocabulary is an essential approach to reading in grade one. At all levels teachers must give careful attention to the phrasing of questions, refrain from repetition of answers, encourage children to discuss, and allow children an opportunity to do quiet thinking. The speaker concluded that constant appraisal of one's teaching methods was necessary, with special attention to questioning and well conducted discussion periods. The speaker was introduced by G. McKenzie and thanked by W. Checkley.

During the brief business session the following slate of officers was elected for the coming year, to assist Public School Inspector W. L. McNeil in arranging the next teachers' conference: president K. Black, Acton; vice president L. Hill, Carlisle; secretary W. Cox, Milton; treasurer Mrs. K. Alger, Acton; and executive members William Clark, Freelton, Miss I. Connell, Greensville; Mrs. M. Kearst, Waterdown; Mrs. M. McEachern, Milton.

Following a motion of appreciation to Mrs. Sheppard and her executive for their efforts in planning such a successful Teachers' Institute by E. W. Foster, a tour of the Education Centre was enjoyed by all. This modern research centre of the Toronto School System is undoubtedly one of the best equipped in-service centres on this continent.

GO ON TOUR

Minstrels May Hit the Road

A request to show their 1962 minstrel show in Erin and Rockwood was one of many items dealt with at a short dinner meeting of Acton Lions Club Monday night at the Station Hotel. The Lions had to rush through the business agenda in order to attend a practice of their forthcoming production.

Under the gavel of Lion chief Al Lauder, Lions learned that the much discussed inter-service club meeting with Acton Y's Men would take place on November 12 at the Lions den. Both clubs have been promoting a meeting for over a year.

The Lions were also informed that Ladies' night is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, and will include dancing and refreshments for members and their wives. Lions Ernie Marks and Vic Bristow are in charge of the event.

Two New Members

At a recent directors' meeting applications for membership from John Griefeneder and Ed McDonald were endorsed by directors and they were accepted into the club.

Visits to Rexdale and Georgetown Lions were proposed and it was anticipated at least four members would attend each of the neighboring clubs for one of their meetings. Recovery of the gavel suspected to be swiped by one of the visitors when they attended an Acton meeting, will be a task for the local Lions.

Since Tail Twister Barry Inscoe arrived late, no fines were imposed during the meeting.

EDEN MILLS

Week's Worries Answer W.I. Roll Call; Plan Plant Tour

The Eden Mills Women's Institute was hosted Wednesday of last week by Mrs. James Hamer with a good attendance. Mrs. Rob Roy, president, opened the meeting with a poem followed by Institute Ode and Mary Stewart collect. The roll call was answered by "One Thing I worried about last week." The minutes of September meeting were read and approved, also financial report and cards of thanks. A tour through the Fibre Glass Company in Guelph next month was arranged instead of the regular meeting.

Mrs. T. Atkinson, convener for resolutions, took the chair for the program. Motto was "It is a good heart that says no evil but a better one who thinks none." Three readings were enjoyed by Mrs. T. Atkinson, Mrs. Wallace Lasby and Mrs. F. Cowell and a contest won by Mrs. H. Borden.

Items of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. William Mino left Thursday to spend a few days with their daughter and family at Brooklin. Mr. and Mrs. Syd Barnes.

Little Diane Heynk is at present confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. La Marsh of Leamington spent a week with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wardel and family.

Mr. H. Heynk attended a men's conference at Five Oaks, Brantford, in connection with Norfolk Street, United Church and Presbytery, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean were in Burlington Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. David McDonald.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vos were Mr. and Mrs. De Boer, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walker are in Woodstock for a few days, guests of Mrs. McFarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbertson attended the International Plowing Match at Owen Sound and visited friends in Paisley for a few days.

Guests of Utoka W.I.

Two carloads of Eden Mills Women's Institute attended a gathering at the Orange Hall, Guelph, Wednesday, guests of Utoka Institute.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kirby were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wheeler and family, Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. T. Purves and family, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. A. Moffat, and Fred Moffat, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamer had as their guests for a week, Mrs. Warren Cole of San Diego, California.

Dr. A. J. Buchanan Gives Knox Sermon

It was the annual Laymen's Sunday at Knox Presbyterian Church and the speaker was Dr. Allan J. Buchanan a dentist who has been a member here many years. Scripture lesson was read by Herbert L. Ritchie and the children's story given by Herbert G. Job.

The minister, the Rev. A. H. McKenzie, opened the service.

Milton Annexation Bid for 889 Acres

Milton council Monday approved a resolution outlining proposed annexation boundaries that would add 889 acres to the town rather than the 2,400 acres as proposed by resolution last week. This would include the section of Esquesing township north of Milton to highway 401 excluding Milton Heights and Milton Beach.

The town's application for annexation also includes a section of Oakville to the east of the present town and including a shopping plaza and the new 90 acre provincial school for the deaf site.

BALLINAFAD

Turkey Supper Provides $400

A shower for Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDougall (nee Doreen Smith) was held on Friday night at Erin, Ballinafad joining them. After dancing for a while the bride and groom were called to the platform and Mrs. Tom Gibson read an address. They were presented with a jar of money. Both expressed their thanks.

Mr. Ford of Toronto was asked to come to the platform and made a very fine address with lots of humor. After singing For They are Jolly Good Fellows dancing continued.

The work on the 7th Line is in full swing and the road is closed to the public.

Raise $400

Ballinafad United Church held a very successful Turkey Supper on Friday realizing over $400.

Next Sunday communion will be observed in Ballinafad United Church.

Laymans' Sunday

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by C. J. Catalano
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It's that time of the year again when we receive a fresh new telephone directory. Remember, it's not only the outside that's new, inside the book there are many new and changed listings. So, to save yourself time and trouble and avoid wrong numbers, look the number up, jot it down and then dial carefully. And remember to bring your Blue Book of Telephone Numbers up to date! If you'd like new booklets — regular or pocket size — give us a call at ZEnith 2-6900, or drop in at our Business Office. They're free.

This is the time of the year when we talk about hunting. We like to remind our readers about a few safety rules that may have slipped the mind since last fall. Here are a few examples: Remember to keep the shooting controlled by a hill or other back stop, identify your game before you shoot, allow only empty guns in cars, boats, camps, and homes, never leave a loaded gun unattended and carry your gun so you control the muzzle at all times, etc. These are just a few of the many important safety rules any hunter should be familiar with. We also like to remind customers not to fire in the direction of wire and cable, insulators or microwave towers. You will be helping to protect services that are vital to you and your friends. We also like to wish everyone happy, SAFE hunting.

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